the SEA BEAUTY

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SUB-MARINER

OUT OF THE SEA THEY CAME, TALL, STRANGELY COSTUMED MEN OF BATTLE! YES, OUT OF THE SEA AND OUT OF THE FAR-DISTANT PAST! ***VIKINGS! WARRIOR VIKINGS!*** WHY? HOW? COME WITH ***SUB-MARINER*** AND ***NAMORA*** ON A CRUISE OF MYSTERY, ADVENTURE AND THRILLS!

THE LAST OF THE VIKINGS

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ON THE HIGH SEAS, A **TWENTIETH CENTURY** BINOCULAR FRAMES A **TWELFTH CENTURY** PANORAMA ··· A **VIKING SHIP!**

IMPOSSIBLE!

YET - YET I **SAW** IT WITH MY OWN EYES, JUST AS IT **DISAPPEARED** OVER THE HORIZON!

I'VE ALREADY RADIOED THE NEWS TO SHORE, SIR!

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THE STARTLING NEWS REACHES THE **SUB-MARINER** AND **NAMORA** ABOARD THEIR MOTOR-YACHT, OFF **NANTUCKET**...

I TOLD **DR. SVORLAND** WE WERE COMING OUT··· DO YOU THINK THIS "**VIKING SHIP**" DEAL CAN BE A **HOAX**, NAMORA?

I'M NOT SURE ··· BUT THE DOCTOR'S STUDIED **NORSE** HISTORY FOR YEARS — AND **HE** OUGHT TO KNOW!

SEA QUEEN

TEN MINUTES LATER···

HELLO, NAMOR···NAMORA! I RECEIVED YOUR WIRELESS MESSAGE — GLAD YOU CAME!

GREETINGS, DOCTOR!

WHAT'S **YOUR** OPINION, DOCTOR? IS THERE ANY TRUTH IN THIS **VIKING SCARE**?

I THINK **NOT** - BUT - COME INSIDE··· I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING!

I'VE CHECKED ON EVERY **NORSE** SEA-VOYAGE IN HISTORY··· THIS ITEM, RECORDED IN **1754** BY A NORWEGIAN HISTORIAN, BEARS THOUGHT! IT'S BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH HERE — **READ IT!**

*"IN **1248** A BAND OF POLITICAL REVOLUTIONARIES WERE EXILED FROM THE HOMELAND! EQUIPPED WITH A LONG-BOAT, TOOLS, AND FOOD, THESE **NORSEMEN**, WITH THEIR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, SAILED **WEST**, AND WERE NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN!"*

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, NOT FAR AWAY, A **VIKING** HAND POINTS SHOREWARD!

HO! YOUR MYTHICAL TALES OF **GREEN LANDS** TO THE WEST WOULD SEEM TO HAVE BEEN FOUNDED IN **FACT!** OUR EMPTY STOMACHS WILL FEAST AGAIN, **WERTEN!**

LAND! CAST OUT THE LANDING-BOAT, **HUNSEN!**

A MINUTE LATER, THE STRANGE MEN, IN A SMALLER CRAFT, BEAR DOWN ON A ROCKY INLET BEACH···

WHAT MANNER OF DWELLING CAN **THAT** BE, WERTEN? THERE'S **SMOKE** — PERHAPS A **COOKING-FIRE!**

DOES IT MATTER, IF THERE IS **FOOD** TO BE HAD WITHIN ITS WALLS?

WITHIN THE COTTAGE, THE LONE OCCUPANT GAWKS AT AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT · · ·

GREAT HEAVENS! THAT RADIO REPORT WAS **RIGHT!** THOSE **ARE** VIKINGS! THEY'RE **ARMED** — IT LOOKS LIKE A **RAID!**

· · · AS THE NORSEMEN DEBARK, A LOUD SHOT RINGS OUT!

LO! WHAT MANNER OF WEAPON IS **THIS?**

CRACK!

INSTANTLY, HUNSEN HURLS HIS BATTLE-AXE · · ·

CRASH!

YEOW!

...AND THE BLUNT EDGE KNOCKS OUT THE FISHERMAN!

THE PUZZLED WARRIORS STORM THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE!

ROUND CONTAINERS, WITH PICTURES OF FOOD ON THE OUTSIDE!

WATER--LIKE MAGIC!

HURRY! WE MUST GET AWAY BEFORE MORE OF THESE STRANGE PEOPLE APPEAR!

IDEAL

NEWS OF THE TRAGIC RAID SPREADS RAPIDLY · · ·

THE **IMPOSSIBLE** HAS HAPPENED! VIKINGS ARE REPORTED TO BE MARAUDING ALONG THE COAST!

THAT'S OUR **CUE**, NAMORA! THANKS FOR TEACHING US THE OLD **NORDIC** LANGUAGE, DOC — IF WE CATCH 'EM, WE'LL BE ABLE TO "TALK TURKEY" TO 'EM!

COME ON! WE'LL LEAVE THE CRUISER HERE FOR NOW!

OF COURSE! WE CAN MAKE BETTER TIME SWIMMING!

IN THEIR NATIVE ELEMENT, NAMOR AND NAMORA SPEED EASILY THROUGH THE WATER · · ·

I'LL INVESTIGATE THE COVE AHEAD, NAMOR — THEIR BOAT MAY BE HIDDEN THERE!

FINE! I'LL LOOK ON THE OTHER SIDE · · · WE'LL MEET BACK HERE IF NEITHER OF US FINDS IT! BE **CAREFUL!**

OH-OH! SOMEONE'S BEEN HERE! WONDER WHAT THESE ROPES ARE FOR?

A SPLIT-SECOND LATER · · ·

YIPE! **TRAPPED LIKE A DUMB FISH!** THIS SMELLS LIKE A **VIKING** TRICK, ALL RIGHT!

UP WITH THE NET— QUICKLY!

HO! A **FEMALE** MEMBER OF THE RACE! TAKE HER TO THE SHIP – AND BE CAREFUL **NOT** TO DISTURB THE **CAMOUFLAGE!**

CAMOUFLAGE! NO WONDER WE COULDN'T SEE THE BOAT!

MINUTES LATER, NAMORA IS FREED FROM THE NET · · ·

ONE OF OUR CREW HAS BEEN KILLED BY YOUR PEOPLE — THIS MEANS **WAR!**

WAR?

THIS CHARACTER HASN'T HEARD OF THE **ATOMIC BOMB!** I'D BETTER WISE HIM UP!

NAMORA EXPLAINS, IN THE NORSE TONGUE, THE FALLACY OF HUNSEN'S PLAN OF WAR AGAINST AMERICA · · ·

· · · YOU SEE, YOU'D ONLY CAUSE YOUR OWN **DEATH** BY ATTEMPTING SUCH A FOOLISH PLAN!

BAH! YOUR WORDS ARE MERELY THE DRIVEL OF A FANCIFUL DREAMER! SUCH WEAPONS OF WAR ARE **INCONCEIVABLE! GET BELOW!**

MEANWHILE . . .

AHOY, NAMORA!

THIS IS THE COVE SHE CAME TO — BUT WHICH WAY DID SHE GO?

SUDDENLY . . .

YEEE-AAAH-H!

AMBUSH! VIKINGS! WELL, THIS PROVES THEIR EXISTENCE! THINK I'LL LET THEM TAKE ME WITHOUT A STRUGGLE!

SO! ANOTHER ONE! NOW BRING THE WOMAN FORWARD!

WOMAN? I'LL BET IT'S NAMORA!

NAMOR! THESE — THESE FOOLS ARE GOING TO DECLARE WAR ON AMERICA!

WHAT? DID YOU TELL THEM ABOUT THE AIRPLANE, THE ATOMIC BOMB, AND OUR VAST NAVY?

HUNSEN! PERHAPS WE SHOULD HEED THE WORDS OF THESE QUEER PEOPLE! HOW CAN WE KNOW THAT THEY DO NOT SPEAK THE TRUTH?

IT'S FANTASTIC - BUT - WE SHALL FIND OUT! BRING FORTH THE TRUTH-STAFF!

STRANGER, OUR ELDERS HAVE TAUGHT US THAT THOSE WHO LIE AND DECEIVE SHALL LACK THE STRENGTH TO WREST THIS STAFF FROM THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO SPEAK NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH! GRASP THE STAFF, AND PREPARE TO PROVE YOURSELF!

FAIR ENOUGH!

THE CONTEST OF TRUTH BEGINS WITH THE CLASH OF TWO POWERFUL BODIES - MUSCLES STRAINING ··· BURSTING!

UGH! THIS LAD'S STRONG! AH! HE'S GIVING A LITTLE!

GROAN!

OH-OH! LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A **CLOWN** IN THE CROWD! **WATCH OUT, NAMOR!** THEY'RE TRYING TO **TRIP** YOU!

WHA——?

TOO LATE!

HO! I AM THE **VICTOR!** THROW THESE **DECEIVERS** IN **IRONS!**

YIPE!

HALT THEM!

OH, **NO,** YOU DON'T! COME ON, NAMORA — I DON'T WANT TO GET **ROUGH** WITH THESE GUYS WHILE THERE'S STILL A CHANCE TO **CONVINCE** THEM!

STAY UNDER WATER, AND HEAD FOR **DR. SVORLAND'S!**

OKAY! RIGHT NOW I'M BUSY DODGING COLD STEEL!

SAFELY AWAY, THE AQUATIC PAIR REACH SVORLAND'S WITHOUT MISHAP...

IT'S DREADFUL! IF WE COULD ONLY CONVINCE THEM OF THEIR FOLLY!

WHY DON'T YOU TOW THEIR SHIP OUT TO SEA TONIGHT, AND HOLD THEM UNTIL THEY LISTEN TO REASON, NAMOR?

SEA

YOU'LL BE DOING HISTORY A GREAT FAVOR IF YOU CAN KEEP THOSE VIKINGS ALIVE!

GOOD IDEA! IT'LL BE DARK SOON, AND THEY'LL ALL BE ON BOARD... LET'S GO, NAMORA!

MOMENTS LATER, BACK AT THE COVE · · ·

THEY'RE **GONE!** **LOOK! OUT TO SEA!**

THE FOOLS DON'T KNOW THESE WATERS! THEY'LL CRACK UP ON **HIDDEN REEF!**

EVEN AS NAMORA SPEAKS, THE KEEL STRIKES! · · ·

THEY CAN'T SWIM WITH SUCH HEAVY CLOTHING!

HELP!

CRASH!

RAPIDLY, THE ANCIENT CRAFT GOES DOWN!

GOOD GRIEF! THEY SINK THE MINUTE THEY HIT THE WATER!

HURRY! WE'LL SAVE WHOM WE CAN!

GLUB!

I'VE GOT **HUNSEN**, THE CHIEF!

WE'RE TOO LATE! THE OTHERS ARE DONE FOR! NO USE BRINGING THEM UP FROM THEIR WATERY GRAVES!

ON SHORE, NAMOR REVIVES AND QUESTIONS THE VIKING LEADER · · ·

OLD WERTEN CONVINCED US YOU SPOKE TRUTH! WE – WE WERE SAILING BACK TO THE "GREEN LAND" TO DIE! WE ARE NOT OF THIS AGE – IT IS WELL THAT WE **PERISH!**

· · · MANY AGES AGO, MY ANCESTORS, LED BY **HUNSEN THE HATED**, WERE EXILED FROM THE HOMELAND · · · THEY SAILED WEST, AND · · · · ·

"··· FOUND HAVEN ON THE SHORES OF A VAST, UNINHABITED LAND IN THE COLD COUNTRY ··· THEY THRIVED WELL, AND MANY YEARS SPED BY UNTIL OUR PEOPLE NUMBERED HUNDREDS ···"

"EVENTUALLY I INHERITED RULE OF THE COLONY, AS LAST DESCENDANT OF THE FIRST **HUNSEN** ··· THEN SUDDENLY, TWELVE MOONS AGO, A TERRIBLE FEVER INFESTED THE SETTLEMENT, KILLING OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AND ALL BUT THE STRONGEST MEN!"

"THOSE OF US SURVIVING DETERMINED TO BURN THE DISEASE-RIDDEN COLONY, AND SAIL WEST TO A NEW LAND, AND A NEW LIFE!"

WE REACHED THIS SHORE··· HUNGRY··· IN DESPAIR··· NOT BELONGING ··· LOOKING FOR **LIFE**, AND FINDING··· **DEATH!**

HE'S **DEAD**, NAMORA! I – I'LL BE RIGHT BACK ··· I THINK THE POOR OLD FELLOW WOULD WANT TO BE BURIED OUT···THERE··· WITH THE LAST OF HIS PEOPLE!

SUDDENLY –

DOCTOR SVORLAND!

I FOLLOWED YOU IN A ROWBOAT ··· HEARD HUNSEN'S LAST WORDS ··· A **SHOCKING** BLOW!

MOMENTS LATER, NAMOR RETURNS FROM HIS SORROWFUL ERRAND!

'TIS A SAD DAY FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY ··· A GREAT LOSS TO THIS MODERN WORLD! BUT··· WE ARE **AGREED**?

WE ARE AGREED! **NONE** BUT **US** SHALL EVER KNOW THE FINAL RESTING-PLACE OF THE **LAST OF THE VIKINGS!**

THE END